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SUBJECT: LIBYAN-US RELATIONS

1. NEA/AFN MAKING STUDY OF US RELATIONS WITH LIBYA AND
WOULD LIKE YOUR THOUGHTS ON FOLLOWING ASAP:

A. IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO IN OUR DEALINGS WITH LARG
DIRECTLY TO REDUCE QADHAFI'S ABILITY TO BE TROUBLEMAKER
AND DESTABILIZING INFLUENCE IN AFRICA AND NEAR EAST.

B. IN YOUR VIEW DOES LARG UNDERSTAND USG POLICIES AND
MOTIVES OR DOES QADHAFI'S UNIQUE WORLD VIEW PRECLUDE THIS?

C. WHAT STEPS CAN WE TAKE TO MAKE CLEAR BOTH TO LIBYANS
AND OTHERS OUR DISAPPROVAL OF LARG DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES?

D. SHOULD WE BE ENGAGED IN EVEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL
COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS (E.G., FAA TRAINING, AIDSAT) OR
CONTINUE TO APPROVE EXPORT LICENSES FOR THE REPAIR AND

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MAINTENANCE OF THE C-130S AND DO LIBYANS THINK OUR

WILLINGNESS TO DO SO CONSTITUTES TACIT ACCEPTANCE OF
QADHAFI'S POLICIES?

2. IN WHAT WAYS ARE QADHAFI'S FOREIGN POLICIES OUT OF STEP
WITH THE MAINSTREAM OF LIBYAN PUBLIC AND ELITE VIEWS?

A. IN A QADHAFI-LESS LIBYA, WOULD OTHER LEADERS BE AS
WILLING TO STOKE THE FIRES OF AN ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, DEVOTE
AS MUCH RESOURCES TO MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TO
PALESTINIAN AND OTHER "LIBERATION" CAUSES?

B. HOW WOULD HIS DISAPPEARANCE AFFECT OFFICIAL ATTITUDES
TOWARDS THE US, USSR, EGYPT AND OTHERS?

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